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SUBJ: SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT TO DENMARK

SUMMARY: SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER AREILZA ARRIVED IN COPENHAGEN MARCH 3 AND WILL DEPART EVENING MARCH 4. HE MET WITH PRIME MINISTER, FOREIGN MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR FOREIGN ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. DEMONSTRATION PROTESTING HIS VISIT IS SCHEDULED FOR THIS EVENING. SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PAPER AKTUELT, IN EDITORIAL, REFLECTS DANISH SPEPTICISM
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TOWARD PRESENT SPANISH GOVERNMENT, MFA SOURCE SAID TALKS

WENT "VERY WELL". END SUMMARY.

1) SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER AKREILZA ARRIVED IN COPENHAGEN EVENING OF MARCH 3 AND MET TODAY WITH DENMARKJ GOVERNMENT LEADERS. ARELIZA DEPARTS THIS EVENING TO RETURN TO SPAIN.

2) PRESS HS GIVEN VISIT EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY POINTING OUT THAT AREILZA'S VISIT IS CALCULATED TO WIN SYMPATHY FOR SPANISH DESIRES FOR CLOSER ASSOCIATION WITH EC AND NATO AND UNDERSTANDING FOR MEASURED PACE OF SPANISH MARCH TOWARD DEMOCRACY.

3) BERLINGSKI TIDENDE (INDEPENDENT CONSERVATIVE) NOTING THAT DENMARK, WITH UK AND NETHERLANDS, WILL PUSH HARDEST FOR DISPLAY OF CONCRETE STEPS TOWARD DEMOCRACY IN SPAIN, NEVERTHELESS CAUTIONS AGAINST DEMANDING TOO MUCH TOO SOON.

4) BUT AKTUELT, SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PAPER, CLOSEST TO GOVERNMENT, COMMENTS THAT AFTER VISITS TO OTHER COUNTRIES AREILZA BRINGS HIS "CHARM OFFENSIVE" ONTO SKEPTICAL GROUND. DENMARK VIEWS EXISTING REGIME WITH SUSPICION AND ITS ATTITUDE TOWARD LABOR IN RECENT WEEKS AND THE FAILURE TO PROCLAIM A GENERAL AMNESTY DO NOT AUGER WELL FOR FUTURE, AKTUELT ASSERTS. PAPER STATES THAT THE PRESENT SPANISH GOVERNMENT'S LEADING PEOPLE HAVE PREVIOUSLY SERVED THE DICTATOR AND THAT, ALTHOUGH THEY COULD HELP IN THE FIRST RENEWAL IN SPAIN, THESE TARNISHED PERSONS CANNOT ACCOMPLISH THE REAL CHANGES SPAIN NEEDS TO JOIN THE EEC AND NATO. THIS TASK RESTS ON A FREELY ELECTED PARLIAMENT ALONE, WITH REPRESENTATION OF NON-SOCIALISTIC AS WELL AS SOCIALIST AND COMMUNIST ELEMENTS, EDITORIAL CONCLUDES.

5) OPPONENTS OF PRESENT SPANISH REGIME PLAN DEMONSTRATION AGAINST VISIT THIS EVENING. MOST ARE SUPPORTERS OF EXTREME LEFT WING OF DANISH POLITICAL SPECTRUM. ON THEIR WAY TO THE SPANISH EMBASSY A CONTINGENT OF THE HUNDRED OR SO ARE SCHEDULED TO PAUSE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AT THE US EMBASSY, PRESUMABLY TO PROTEST AGAINST US POSTURE TOWARD SPAIN AND SIGNING OF RECENT TREATY.

6) COMMENT: AKTUELT EDITORIAL IS SIGNIFICANT IN THAT IT PRESUMABLY REPRESENTS THE VIEW OF THE PRESENT MINORITY SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT. ON THE OTHER HAND, IN BRIEF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION LATE THIS AFTERNOON WITH EMBOFF, MFA'S WEST EUROPEAN CHIEF, BENNY

KIMBERG, SAID VISIT AND TALKS HAD GONE "VERY WELL
INDEED". WE WILL FOLLOW UP MORE FULLY WITH MFA AND
SPANISH EMBASSY.
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